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Prof. N. S. Phadke, M.A.
851, Shivajee Nagar,
FOONA 4.

Dear respected Sir,

The accompanying letters from Shree N.V. Gadgil, former Minister for Works, Mines and Power, and Shree B. G. Kher, will, I hope, serve the purpose of introducing me and my business.

A copy of my "Life of Mahtma Gandhi" (Hindi) is being mailed to you today. Please accept it with my sincere regards.

I am fully aware of how tremendously busy you have to be. But your profound love and adoration of the great man who is the subject of my book will induce you, I hope, to find time to go through it. And I also hope that you will find it worthy of being read widely. I request you to favour me with your "opinion". A few words of appreciation from you will not only be a precious reward for my labours, but will also enhance the value of my book and help me carry the message of Mahatmaji's life to our people. I shall be highly grateful if you oblige and grant my request.

Awating your pleasure, with deep regards,

Yours Sincerely,
N. S. PHADKE

Prof. N. S. Phadke, M.A. of Poona, one of the most popular and versatile writers in Maharshtra, is widely known as a novelist, biographer, journalist and speaker. He has to his credit today about 106 books – Marathi and English. His book "Mahatma Gandhi" (Marathi), published two years ago, was an outstanding success. He is now publishing its Hindi translation, and desires to approach you with a request that you should favour him with an "opinion" which he would include in the book. I have known Prof. Phadke and his writings for quite a long time, and his present life of Mahatma Gandhi is easily a remarkable specimen of the power and fluency of his style. The book is marked throughout by truthfulness and a healthy avoidance of partisanship, which renders more pleasing the author's fervent admiration for the noble subject of his book. As a short study of Mahatmaji's life, work and teachings this is an ideal book, which deserves your perusal and favourable opinion. I write this to introduce the writer to you, and to support his request very earnestly.

N. V. Gadgil
Member, Parliament,
New Delhi.

Prof. N. S. Phadke, M.A., is widely known for his many books in Marathi and English. His present book "Mahatma Gandhi" is marked by all the qualities of lucidity, power, and artistic presentation which have earned for him popularity and distinction. It is an excellent study of the principal events in Gandhiji's life and of the principles for which Gandhiji fought and died. The reader of this book will understand the full sense in which we call Gandhiji "The Father of India's Freedom" and also the great value of the unique heritage which Mahatmaji left behind him for us and for the world.

B. G. Kher,
Indian High Commissioner,
London.